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Dear Harold: In case it wasnt in the US papers (it probably wasnt), Marcue Pardinas has been arrested an the book thrown at him in connexion with the recent student demonstrations. The situation down here at the moment is somewhat tense, and I can't think of any further steps I could take about your matter with the prospect of concrete results. I dont want to add to your existing headaches by suggesting anyone, from among those still in circulation, for whose ability ar reliability I can't vouch. We will see what happens with Marcue, but I fear he will not hit the street ags for a long time. He, with others including university professors, has been publicly labeled as one of the "exotic elements" responsible for the student unrest. I doubt if he had a thing to do with it, but of cours he would have been sympathetic.

Best regards, Belfrage

It seems to be now generally admitted that provocateu from outside made the recent Mex City massacre of students possible. We are used to taking this to mean "Communists", but this time I believe the "outsiders" they are hinting about are the CIA. The game would perhaps be to frighten people away from the Olympics, thus create a crisis in the economy after the large investment in the Games, and so bring Mexic to heel with regard to its foreign policy - its refus to join in an all-American gangup on Cuba. I suspect that an attempt at a new continental crusade against Cuba - a good diversion from Vietnam - is on top of Nixon's agenda.